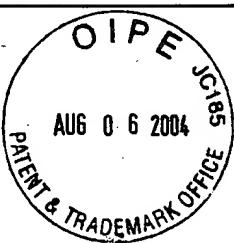


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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal form;
2. a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (two months);
3. an Amendment and Response Accompanying a Request for Continued Examination;
4. an Information Disclosure Statement and six (6) accompanying references;
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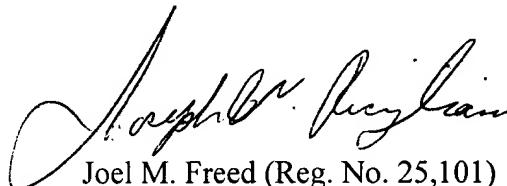
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